

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 10, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 6, 8, 16, and 18 have been objected to for containing various informalities. In response to the objection, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 16 and amended claims 16 and 18 as recommended by the Examiner. In view of those cancellations and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not objectionable and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 11-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has amended remaining claim 11 and its dependents to recite a "computer-readable medium". Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are now directed to statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 101 (e.g., a "manufacture") and therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-8, 11-18, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Roztocil, et al.* ("Roztocil," U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0044868).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Regarding the merits of independent claims 1 and 11, Applicant notes that Roztocil at least does not teach establishing a closed-loop communication link “between the designer location and the print service provider location”, creating a press ready file “encompassing both said print job and said job ticket”, or “transmitting over said closed-loop communication link continuously updated status information from the print service provider location to the designer location so as to keep the designer location apprised of a production status of the processing being performed at the print service provider location, said status information including an indication of tasks that have already been performed in relation to the print job and a current task being performed in relation to the print job”. For example, Roztocil's discussion of tracking status information does not indicate that a “designer location” separate from a print service provider location is provided with tracking information via a closed-loop communication link.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Rejection of Claims 9 and 19

Claims 9 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* as applied to claims 1 and 11, in view of *Kemp, et al.* (“Kemp,” U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078160). Applicant respectfully traverses.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach several aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Kemp does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 19 are allowable over the Roztocil/Kemp combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 11 are allowable over Roztocil.

B. Rejection of Claims 10 and 20

Claims 10 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* as applied to claims 1 and 11, in view of *Stewart, et al.* ("Stewart," U.S. Pat. No. 6,714,964). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach several aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Stewart does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10 and 20 are allowable over the Roztocil/Stewart combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 11 are allowable over Roztocil.

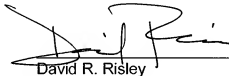
V. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, and 21 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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